

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a motor assembly having a fastening aperture; and

a Z-shaped fastener for fastening at least two parts of the motor assembly

comprising:

a base extension tab extending in a lateral direction across its entire width;

an extension block that extends in a lateral direction opposite that of the

base extension tab, wherein said extension block includes a bore with internal threads, that extends through the block in the lateral direction and configured to accept an elongated part of a securing bolt, the extension block being longer than the base extension tab along the lateral direction; and

a fastening aperture engaging portion facing in the direction in which the extension block extends,

wherein when said Z-shaped fastener is engaged with a motor assembly by inserting said Z-shaped fastener into and through the fastening aperture of the motor assembly, the base extension tab is configured to contact an interior wall but not the exterior wall of the motor assembly, whereas the extension block is configured to contact an exterior wall but not the interior wall of the motor assembly and to terminate at or before an end of the exterior wall of motor assembly, and the fastening aperture engaging portion is configured to contact the motor assembly in a side plane of a fastening aperture,

wherein the Z-shaped fastener is rigid and the cross-section of the base extension tab in the lateral direction is smaller than the dimensions of the fastening aperture.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the base extension tab is configured with a contour complementary to the interior contour of said motor assembly.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the extension block is configured with a contour complementary to the exterior contour of said motor assembly.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the elements of the fastener are formed as a single element.

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the base extension tab and the extension block are configured to apply structural support to the interior and the exterior wall respectively, on opposing sides of the fastening aperture in the motor assembly to fully secure said Z-shaped fastener to the motor assembly.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus in claim 7, wherein the fastening aperture engaging portion is configured to apply structural support in the side plane of said fastening aperture of the motor assembly on an opposing lateral side of the assembly wall of the motor assembly as the base extension tab.

10-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A housing end cover fastening assembly comprising:

a motor housing end cover;

a motor housing;

a securing body; and

a plurality of Z-shaped fasteners each comprising a base extension tab having an interior pressure application surface and extending in a lateral direction across its entire width, a fastening aperture pressure application side plane, and an extension body having an exterior pressure application surface, wherein the extension body extends in a lateral direction opposite that of the base extension tab and is longer than the base extension tab, the fastening aperture pressure application side plane faces in the direction in which the extension body extends, and the extension body having a bore with internal threads and that extends through the extension body in the lateral direction is configured to accept the securing body that extends through the motor housing end cover securing the housing end cover to the motor housing,

wherein the motor housing is a cylindrical tube which is structurally closed in the circumference and configured with at least a pair of fastening apertures situated at an end of the

cylindrical tube, and the extension body terminates at or before an end of the motor housing when engaged thereto,

wherein each Z-shaped fastener is rigid, the cross-section of the base extension tab in the lateral direction of each Z-shaped fastener is smaller than the dimensions of a corresponding fastening aperture, the base extension tab is configured to contact an interior wall but not the exterior wall of the motor housing, and the extension body is configured to contact an exterior wall but not the interior wall of the motor housing.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The housing end cover fastening assembly of claim 12, wherein the motor housing end cover is perpendicularly secured to the motor housing at a housing end by the securing body engaging with the fastener.

15. (Previously Presented) The housing end cover fastening assembly of claim 14, wherein the fastener is received through a fastening aperture in the motor housing and maintains a plurality of contact areas with the motor housing to fully secure said fastener to the motor housing.

16-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus in claim 1, wherein the Z-shaped fastener has a side profile shape consisting essentially of a Z-shape.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus in claim 7, wherein the base extension tab and the extension block are configured to apply seal to the fastening aperture of the motor assembly.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The housing cover fastening assembly in claim 12, wherein at least one of said plurality of Z-shaped fasteners is arranged at a distance away from the motor housing end cover, when the motor housing end cover is secured to the motor housing through the securing body and said Z-shaped fastener.

26. (Currently Amended) A fastener for a motor assembly comprising:
a unitary body including:

a base extension tab having an interior pressure application surface and extending in a lateral direction across its entire width,

a fastening aperture pressure application side plane, and

an extension body that extends in a lateral direction opposite that of the base extension tab, the extension body having an exterior pressure application surface and a bore with internal threads, the bore extending through the extension body in the lateral direction and configured to receive a securing bolt,

the fastener's unitary body delimited by a Z-shaped cross-section and configured to mechanically fasten at least two parts of a motor assembly, the extension body configured to terminate at or before an end of one of the two parts of motor assembly when engaged thereto through an aperture of the motor assembly,

wherein the fastener is rigid, the cross-section of the base extension tab in the lateral direction of each Z-shaped fastener is smaller than the dimensions of the aperture of the motor assembly, the base extension tab is configured to contact an interior wall but not the exterior wall of the motor assembly, and the extension body is configured to contact an exterior wall but not the interior wall of the motor assembly.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus in claim 1, wherein the Z-shaped fastener is delimited by a Z-shaped cross-section.

28. (Previously Presented) The housing end cover fastening assembly in claim 12, wherein the Z-shaped fastener is delimited by a Z-shaped cross-section.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously Presented) The housing end cover fastening assembly of claim 12, wherein the end plane of the motor housing contacts with the motor end cover to fully secure the motor housing to the end cover circumstantially against rotating motor torque.

31. (Canceled)